to the State Government of Kerala in the month of April, 2004. The CWC also informed *vide* letter dated 31.01.2005 that the schemes received from Government of Kerala may be treated as returned back.

Relaxation in norms for AIBP

1622. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a Group of Ministers to review the proposal for relaxing norms for the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for speedier completion of water projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government wants to simplify the procedure and drop norms which were not working; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, A Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted on 14th July, 2006.

(c) and (d) Views expressed in the meeting of the State Irrigation Minister in November, 2005 and Secretaries of State Irrigation Department in October, 2005 on relaxation of norms of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) have been taken into consideration for finalization of further relaxation of AIBP criteria. AIBP has been conceptualized to assist the States to complete ongoing irrigation projects and create the irrigation potential in the specified time-frame. The norms of AIBP are revised from time to time and further relaxation would be considered by the GoM.

Water crises in Rajasthan

1623. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of such reservoirs of Rajasthan, having less than average quantity of water facing water crisis;